



Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Pastel Demonstration-Child's Portrait

with Kim Abbati

***RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION**



On May 8, 2024, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Kim Abbati, is an award winning artist in multiple artistic mediums. Attendees will learn about the vibrant beauty of the pure pigment of pastel which is Kim's favorite

medium for rendering a child's portrait. As she demonstrates the child's portrait in pastel, she will show several approaches to starting a pastel piece and include different stages of an underpainting. She will also explain a variety of substrates including surfaces in which to work on, pastel grounds, and the many different materials available for the artist to explore when using pastel

While Kim enjoys traveling and painting in "plein air," her true passion in her artistic subject matter is the figure and portraiture. In addition to being an instructor at McCord Gallery and Cultural Center in Palos Park, IL, she is the current Illinois Ambassador for the Portrait Society of America, a member of the Pastel Society of America, Chicago Pastel Painters, Plein Air Painters Chicago, and the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts. Kim received her Bachelor's of Fine Art at the Art Institute of Chicago, where her love of art began on a field trip there in only the second grade. Learn more about Kim at:

www.kimabbatiart.com and https://www.instagram.com/kim_abbati_art.

PLEASE REGISTER

AT: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/pastel>

OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED AND TAKE PLACE AT:

Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL
www.homerlibrary.org
708-301-7908

2024 Upcoming Events

Most are at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

2024

- ✚ **Wed. May 8-7 pm: Pastel with Kim Abbati**
- ✚ **Mon. May. 20-1-3 pm: Create and Chat**
- ✚ **Summer-Plein Air Dates-see next page and our website for dates**
- ✚ **Thurs. Aug. 29-7 pm-Stories of Lemont Zine Program at Lemont Library**
- ✚ **To Be Announced-November-Gallery Seven LAG Member Exhibit**
- ✚ **Our Monthly meetings and Create and Chat will start back in the fall!**

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President's Letter

Hello there!

It is great to be writing our May newsletter and look outside my window to see some beautiful spring flowers and very green grass! **We are excited to announce our upcoming Summer Plein Air meet-up dates**, listed after this letter. This will be our third year having the Plein Air outings and our Vice-President, Lynn Rozycki is nice enough to plan the outings and be the contact person. Thank you Lynn! **If you would like to be added to our Plein Air emails, see the information after this letter.** I am also glad to announce that, in August, we will be having another **Stories of Lemont 150th Anniversary Zine event, called "A Zine Journey."** **We have been invited to have a Zine program in collaboration with the Lemont Writers Guild at the Lemont Public Library. The date is Thursday, Aug. 29 at 7 pm.** More details and a registration link to be sent out at a later date but please save the date!

Our April meeting with Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi, who talked about her clay process and techniques was a wonderful time. Everyone learned a lot and much more about what it takes to create a clay pottery piece from start to finish and saw her beautiful pieces. It really has been an exciting year so far and we are so glad we can share with you!

I hope you have a beautiful May!

Sincerely, Liz Connelly, LAG President

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100047747719705>

Summer 2024 Lemont Artists Guild Plein Air Dates:
We will start our Plein Air meet-ups this summer, starting June 10. While we will list our dates and locations on our website and keep it updated as best as we can, if you would like up-to-date information and more details, **please request to be added to our Plein Air email list by emailing Lynn Rozycki, Call or Text: (708) 710-9443**

E-mail: lynnrozycki@gmail.com

Note: When you contact Lynn, if you are new, let Lynn know that you want to be added to the interest list. **Be sure to include your name, phone number and email address.**

Here is a quick listing of our upcoming tentative dates and times. *Note, changes may occur due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances so please ask to be on Lynn's list for up to date info.*

We will meet every other Monday, 10 am to 12 pm.

-June 10 at Bird Haven Greenhouse near New Lenox, 225 N. Gougar Rd., Joliet, IL 60432

-June 24 at Lake Katherine, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463

-July 8 at Little Red Schoolhouse, 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, IL

-July 22 at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th St., Lemont, IL 60439 (directly off of Route 83, East of Archer)

-August 5 at Lemont Park District in Lemont Centennial Park, 16050 W. 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

-August 19 at Lake Katherine, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463

Visit our Plein Air website page at:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/plein-air>

Sayings to Inspire You:

Don't wait for a perfect morning. Just take your morning and make it perfect.

Your mind is your true enemy. If you don't control it, it will control you.

There are two ways to be happy: change the situation or change your mindset towards it.

Pictured below from last year at Lake Katherine, left to right: Nancy Uznanski, Liz Connelly, Elaine Gotfryd Noonan, Mona Parry, Lynn Rozycki



Notes from the Editor: Information for the LAG newsletter should be given to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, bettykirk321@gmail.com

April 2024 BACK OF THE HALL

Congratulations to:

- 🏆 1st: Mary Kodl Truesdale, "Female Cardinal" watercolor
- 🏆 2nd: Lynn Rozycki "Tyler," Pastel
- 🏆 3rd: Barbara Kelly, "Hanging Garden" watercolor

See the monthly 1st place winners on our website at:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/back-of-the-hall>

Visit the Gallery Room at Pollyanna Brewing curated by Brad Tammaro with the Art and Culture Commission of Lemont.

Current Exhibition: Artwork of Mia Larsen

431 Talcott Ave, Lemont, IL

Opening Reception: Sat. May 18 at 6 pm

Mia Larsen painted the outdoor mural on the back of the One Eleven building, across the street from La Dolce Vita in the historic Downtown Lemont. Visit the Facebook page to learn more:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1605547556871331?ref=newsfeed>